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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S CONVERSATION WITH PRG REP

DONALD FRASER CALLED ON PRG REPRESENTATIVE BA IN GENEVA ON APRIL 12. DURING THE EXCHANGE BA REITERATED THE PRG POSITION THAT A CEASEFIRE, PEACEMAKING, AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WOULD PROCEED QUICKLY IF THE US:

--ENCOURAGES THIEU TO STEP DOWN, AND;

--CUTS OFF ALL MILITARY ASSISTANCE "PER PARIS ACCORDS."

IN REBUTTAL, FRASER COMMENTED THAT SUCH A COURSE WOULD:

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--NOT FACILITATE NEGOTIATION, BUT WOULD COMPEL THE GVN

TO SURRENDER UNCONDITIONALLY;

--BE UNACCEPTABLE TO CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

FRASER ALSO PRESSED FOR THE RETURN OF THE REMAINS OF ABOUT 40 US CITIZENS REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD THE PRG HAD LOCATED. BA SAID THE PRG PROBABLY WOULD BE RESPONSIVE AND THAT HE WOULD FORWARD THE REQUEST. (CONFIDENTIAL) GDNVA 1535, 4/14.

2. ARGENTINA: PROVINCIAL ELECTION SUPPORTS PERON

ON APRIL 13 SUPPORTERS OF PRESIDENT MARIA PERON CARRIED MISIONES PROVINCE IN THE FIRST ELECTIONS SINCE JUAN PERON'S DEATH.

--THE RULING JUSTICIALIST LIBERATION FRONT (FREJULI) WON 46 PERCENT OF THE VOTE, THE GOVERNORSHIP OF THE PROVINCE AND 16 ASSEMBLY SEATS.

--THE MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD RADICAL PARTY PROVIDED STRONG OPPOSITION, WINNING 38 PERCENT OF THE VOTE AND 13 ASSEMBLY SEATS.

--DISSIDENT PERONISTS WON ONLY 8 PERCENT OF THE VOTE AND 3 SEATS.

EMBASSY ANALYSIS: THE FREJULI VICTORY SHOULD PAVE THE WAY FORELECTIONS IN THE MORE TRANQUIL OF OTHER INTERVENED PROVINCES. THE INCONCLUSIVE RESULTS, HOWEVER, CANNOT BE READ AS THE HOPED FOR REPUDIATION OF MINISTER LOPEZ REGA, NOR WILL THEY SATISFY THOSE WHO HOPED FOR A CLEARER INDICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POPULARITY. (CONFIDENTIAL) BUENOS AIRES 2564, 4/14.

3. PORTUGAL: AFM DENIES ONE-PARTY GOAL

THE PORTUGUESE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS DENIED ON APRIL 14 THAT THE AFM SEEKS TO PROMOTE A ONE-PARTY REGIME.

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EMBASSY COMMENT: THE DENIAL IS UNLIKELY TO REASSURE THOSE PREVIOUSLY UNNERVED BY ADMIRAL COUNTINHO'S CALL FOR A NEW PARTY DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING THE AFM. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) LISBON 2315, 4/14.

4. JAPANESE ELECTIONS

EMBASSY TOKYO COMMENTS THAT THE LDP'S REASONABLY GOOD SHOW-

ING IN THE APRIL 13 LOCAL ELECTIONS SHOULD STRENGTHEN PRIME MINISTER MIKI'S HOLD ON PARTY LEADERSHIP. HE MAY, THEREFORE, CALL GENERAL ELECTIONS AS EARLY AS JUNE OR JULY.

REFORMIST GOVERNOR NAGASU'S ELECTION IN KANAGAWA IS OF SPECIFIC INTEREST TO THE USG GIVEN HIS HOSTILITY TO THE LOCATION OF SEVERAL KEY US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS--INCLUDING ATSUGI, YOKOSUKA AND CAMP ZAMA--IN HIS DISTRICT. THOUGH NO IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS ARE ANTICIPATED BECAUSE OF LEGAL RESTRICTIONS, NAGASU IS ON RECORD AS PLANNING TO PRESS FOR THE BASES' RETURN TO JAPANESE CONTROL. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 4872, 4/14.

5. UGANDA RECEIVES SAUDI AID?

EMBASSY LONDON REPORTS THAT GENERAL AMIN IS BELIEVED TO HAVE RECEIVED FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS IN CREDITS FROM THE SAUDIS DURING HIS CONDOLENCE VISIT. THE BRITISH CONNECT THIS TO AMIN'S OFFER OF COMPENSATION FOR CONFISCATED BRITISH-OWNED PROPERTY IF WILSON AGREES TO MEET WITH HIM IN UGANDA. (CONFIDENTIAL) LONDON 5613, 4/-4. KISSINGER

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